

## Appendix H: Prime Farmland Review

# FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

<b>PART I</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 4/10/13			
Name Of Project State Route 87 Connector		Federal Agency Involved FHWA			
Proposed Land Use Transportation		County And State Santa Rosa County, Florida			
<b>PART II</b> (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS			
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated 2,562	Average Farm Size 118
Major Crop(s) Cotton, Peanuts	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 35,897 % 5.50	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 138,415 % 21.0			
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Soil Productivity Index	Name Of Local Site Assessment System NA	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS 4/17/13			
<b>PART III</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		156.7	181.5	0.0	0.0
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly					
C. Total Acres In Site		156.7	181.5	0.0	0.0
<b>PART IV</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		6.8	0.0		
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		45.8	46.9	0.0	
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0.00001	0.00001		
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		64.7	61.6		
<b>PART V</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		59.1	63.3	0	0
<b>PART VI</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))		Maximum Points			
1. Area In Nonurban Use					
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use					
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed					
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government					
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area					
6. Distance To Urban Support Services					
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average					
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland					
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services					
10. On-Farm Investments					
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services					
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use					
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	0	0	0
<b>PART VII</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	59.1	63.3	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	59	63	0
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason For Selection:					

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RE: Prime and Unique Farmland Assessment for State Route 87 Connector Project

This letter is in response to your request on the Prime and Unique Farmland assessment as part of the FPPA requirements for the State Route 87 Connector Project in Santa Rosa County, Florida. Enclosed is the Important Farmlands map and Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form (AD-1006) for the project area.

Farmland analysis using ArcGIS for Alternate 1 identified the following map units within the project boundary:

Map unit symbol	Map Unit Name	Farmland Designation
5	Bonifay loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Farmland of local importance
9	Dothan fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland
14	Fuquay loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Farmland of local importance
44	Troup loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Farmland of local importance

Farmland analysis using ArcGIS shapefiles for Alternate 2 identified the following map units within the project boundary:

Map unit symbol	Map Unit Name	Farmland designation
5	Bonifay loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Farmland of local importance
14	Fuquay loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Farmland of local importance
44	Troup loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Farmland of local importance

Briefly, the USDA-NRCS is responsible for monitoring the conversion of Prime and Unique Farmlands to urban uses. We have determined that there are delineations of Farmland of Unique Importance and Farmland of Local Importance within the scope of the project.

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Regards,

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